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SUBJ: NOMINATION OF JOSE CONSTANTINO SEIJAS VILLALOBOS FOR
INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM.

REF: CARACAS 5037 STATE 104370

1. THE EMBASSY NOMINATES VICE ADMIRAL JOSE CONSTANTINO SEIJAS VILLALOBOS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM VISIT IN HIS CIVILIAN CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF COPORACION VENEZOLANA DE INDUSTRIA NAVAL C.A. (CONVINCA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING AN ORIENTATION TOUR OF US. SHIPYARDS AND RELATED FACILITIES.

2. VICE-ADMIRAL SEIJAS IS PRESIDENT OF CONVINCA, A GOVERNMENT OWNED CORPORATION WHICH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT TWO MAJOR SHIP-YARDS BY 1979.

3. SEIJAS WAS BORN 19 MAY 1923 IN CARACAS. HIS CAREER AS A NAVAL OFFICER BEGAN IN 1945 AND HE HAS HELD OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING POSITIONS IN THE VENEZUELAN NAVY SINCE THAT TIME. HE SERVED AS A COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE VENEZUELAN NAVY IN 1969 AND 1970. HE WAS APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF CONVINCA WHEN THAT COMPANY WAS FORMED IN APRIL 1975.

4. SEIJAS VIEWS THE UNITES STATES AS HIS MAJOR SOURCE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIAL IN THE GOV SHIP BUILDING PROGRAM. THE PROPOSED VISIT WOULD PROVIDE HIM WITH KNOWLEDGE OF FIRMS AND INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH HE WILL BE DEALING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. HIS VISIT COULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASER FROM US. SUORCES.

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5. SEIJAS SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND WOULD POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER WHOSE VISIT FUNDED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

6. CLEARANCE RECEIVED.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CONSIDERATION THIS NOMINATION FOR VISIT STARTING JULY 1.

8. EMBASSY GIVES THIS PROJECT SUCH HIGH PRIORITY SHOULD SEIJAS FOR ANY REASON NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT, AN ALTERNATE FROM AMONG FIRST FOUR TOP EXECUTIVES IN CONVINCA WOULD BE PROPOSED.

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